

Shorter Letters, Please

One of the primary interests of a newspaper is that its readers feel free to express themselves. In keeping with this, The Battalion staff welcomes all Letters to the Editor but has one request. Please keep letters as short as possible, preferably under 250 words. Because of the limited amount of space, one lengthy letter may keep two or three other letters from being printed. It is logical to assume that those letters falling within the 250 word limit stand the best chance for publication. Feel free to send in your thoughts and opinions but try to keep them as short as possible.

US Pulls Citizens Out Of Hot Mid-East Area

WASHINGTON, (AP)—The United States strove yesterday to evacuate Americans from Middle East areas on a "women and children first" basis.

With major airports in Israel and Egypt reported closed to commercial traffic, the State Department was trying to get several merchant ships to port into ports where they could pick up Americans.

The U. S. 6th Fleet already was poised in the eastern Mediterranean, reportedly ready either to aid in an evacuation or to join any U. N. action in the embattled region.

And another Navy force-Hunter-Killer Group No. 2—was presumably speeding to join the 6th Fleet after breaking off late yesterday a scheduled four-day visit to the Netherlands.

The destination of the Hunter-Killer Group was not disclosed. But informed quarters said it was moving toward the Mediterranean.

Major units of the 6th Fleet left Turkish and Greek ports Sunday night, after President Eisenhower first expressed publicly grave concern over a military buildup in Israel.

Yesterday the 6th Fleet was reported cruising between Crete and Cyprus, about 250 to 300 miles from the Mediterranean entrance to the Suez Canal.

State Department press officer Lincoln White announced the department's efforts to divert merchant ships to ports which could be used as evacuation points.

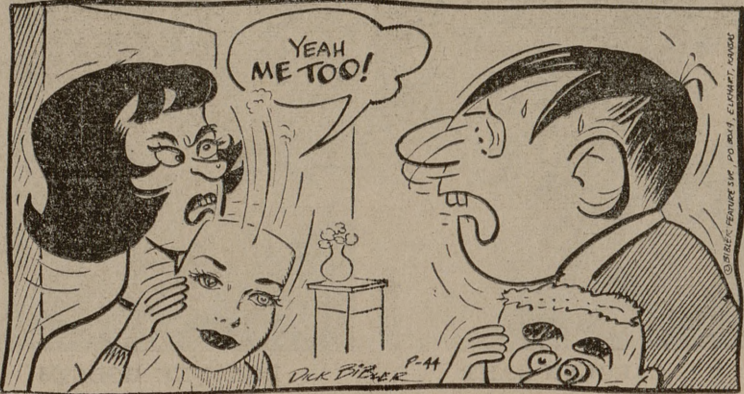
Sweetheart

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not yet found a place to stay. Any one still hunting for a room is urged to contact Jim Hudson, in Dorm 17, room 101.

Largely, the person responsible for making this year's ball the "finest one ever" is Leroy (Bunny) Foerster, chairman of the Air Force Ball. Other chairmen and their jobs include Byron King, Sweetheart Committee; Brad Crockett, Publicity; Dick Wall, Date Wait; Bob Hoover, Decorations; L. E. Sheppard, Army Liaison; Bill Easley, Budget and Bernie Clark, vice chairman in Charge of Facilities. Maj. Edward W. Rodgers is the Air Force faculty advisor.

LITTLE MAN ON CAMPUS by Dick Bibler



Halloween Horrors

Witches Fly Tonight

By HOWARD BENEDICT Associated Press

Lock the doors and bar the windows. For tonight witches will fly, black cats will shriek and ghosts will be about the land.

What's more, masked marauders will rove about, soaping windows, ringing doorbells and carrying off gates.

It's all part of the tradition of Halloween, the celebration of which has changed considerably

since the Druids started the whole thing in Ireland some 2,000 years ago.

Back in those days-Oct. 31 was set aside to honor Samhain, the Druid god of the dead. On that night the souls of those who had died during the previous year were supposed to come home, and Druid priests lit huge bonfires to warm the visitors.

About mid-evening, when the fires were blazing briefly, the priests grabbed a fellow Druid and tossed him into the flames.

Just why they did this is not certain, but one explanation says it put Samhain in a good mood.

Later, Samhain's holiday became confused with ceremonies celebrated about the same time of year by other peoples.

First to get into the act was the Roman's annual festival of the harvest goddess, Pomona. This goddess traditionally was surrounded by products of the har-

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Editor, The Battalion

I see that the funny man has struck again. Saturday morning and again Monday morning this clown gathered together his courage and poured paint on Sully. He never seems to realize that Sully is only a defenseless statue, and this must be "funny man's" method of proving his worth as a man.

Up to this point, we have always tried to be the optimistic type of person who believed that all the paint was thrown by either local high school kids or students from other colleges, but lets not kid ourselves.

Does it seem feasible that a Baylor University student would travel all the way from Waco with a Coca Cola cup full of green paint? Of course not, yet a Coke cup which had been filled with green paint was lying beside Sully Saturday.

Just what would cause this type of behavior on the part of an A&M student? It appears to be the work of some frustrated character who expresses his opposition to A&M traditions and customs by the use of negative means. Apparently he doesn't like it here.

If this is the case "funny boy", then we have what we believe is the best solution for your problem—GET THE H— OUT OF HERE and STAY OUT! Surely no one can solve any problem by throwing things, much less paint on a statue.

Everyone who attends this college finds things that he doesn't particularly like. The normal or nearly normal person will try, through approved methods, to adjust the situation to suit himself. Though all situations are never adjusted to suit everyone, in this manner we have at least progress.

We hope that this letter will bring about some favorable change and help us progress in this situation.

We would like to ask another question. At what other college would the college authorities allow monuments to be painted and disfigured such as this? We'll answer that one ourselves; none that we know of.

However, if an outfit paints its emblem on a sidewalk here at

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A&M, there's h— to pay. Why, then, can't something be done about Sully?

Of all the people on the campus who could do something about the obnoxious painter, the Campus Security office has the most authority. Why then, hasn't some college official taken it upon himself to see that the Campus Security officers protect the statue against such vandalism?

However, the person who can do most to alleviate the situation is the emotionally immature adolescent who applies the paint.

At any rate, if the painting keeps up, we might as well remove the statue which was once a sacred symbol to Aggies.

We show no respect for this "Soldier, Statesman, and Knightly

Gentleman" by allowing his likeness to be publicly ridiculed in this manner.

The statue, at this time, is permanently ruined by the countless exhibitions of immaturity, especially the base upon which is inscribed the token of our respect and admiration for this man. Instead of participating in these juvenile practices, why can't all Aggies follow the example of this great man who did so much for our school?

- Lynn Pixley '57
- Donald Hicks '57
- Kirby Meyer '57
- Jack Chewning '57
- Louis Benavides '57

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YEAH!! BUT NOT HALF AS DISGUSTIN' AS TH' SOUNDS YOU'RE MAKIN'!!
—AN' WHAT ARE YA GONNA DO ABOUT IT, YA CREAMPUFF?
NOTHIN'!

POGO
YOU MEAN TO SAY YOU AIN'T GONNA DO NOTHIN' MORE 'BOUT THE EE'LECTION?
SURE--I'M GONNA DO THE MOST IMPORTANT THING A CANDIDATE KIN DO --I'M GONNA VOTE.
YOU SEE ANYBODY LOOKIN' FOR A BIRTHDAY?
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